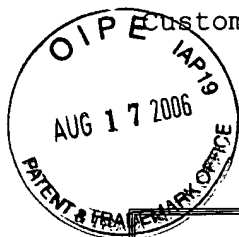


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Applicants submit this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.